तक संगठित क्षेत्र में रोजगार के कितने अवसर सृजित किए गए हैं; और

(ङ) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान रोजगार के कितने अवसर सृजित किए जाने की सम्भावना है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के० अलघ) : (क) से (ग) रोजगार नीतियों एवं कार्यक्रमों को तैयार करने में राज्यों को शामिल किया जाता है। नौवीं योजना का दृष्टिकोण तैयार किया जा रहा है और बेरोजगारों को रोजगार प्रदान करने के विस्तृत कार्यक्रम तैयार किए जा रहे हैं।

(घ) और (ङ) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान अर्थव्यवस्था के संगठित क्षेत्रक में उपलब्ध रोजगार अनुमान निम्न प्रकार हैं:

रोजगार (मिलियन में)

	सार्वजनिक	निजी	कुल
1994	19.45	7.93	27.38
1995	19.47	8.06	27.53

Treating MRTS as an Environmental Project

2192. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ask the Japanese Government to treat Mass Rapid Transit System as an 'Environmetnal Project' and not socio-economic project;

(b) if so, whether this change would help in keeping down the cost of the project;

(c) if so, the other benfefits accruing from this proposal; and

(d) whether all the formalities regarding MRTS have been completed; if so, by when the work on this project is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) (a) Such a request was made to the OECF team from Japan, but has not yet been accepted.

(b) Yes, Sir, if it is accepted.

(c) The project will help in reducing atmospheric pollution in Delhi, slow the pace of increase in the number of automobiles, reduce travelling time and accident rate, and improve quality of life in Delhi.

(d) Most of the preliminary actions pursuant to the clearance of the project e.g., setting up of the Company for implementation of the project, completion of the Detailed Project Report, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Study, and negotiations for loan agreement for the project have already been completed. The Government of NCT of Delhi have been requested to process the acquisition of land for the project expeditiously and issue preliminary notification. The Central Government and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi are likely to release the first annual instalment of equity and funds for land acquisition for this project shortly subject to provision of these funds and the loan from the OECF (Japan) and completion of land acquisition proceedings, the work on the project is likely to commence in the latter half of 1998.

Appointment of Khalasis as Clerks in CPWD.

2193. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of employees of CPWD Electric Divisions-II, New Delhi, appointed as Khalasis on compassionate grounds, have sent their requests to the Director General, CPWD, Chief Engineer and Executive Engineer (Electrical-2) for

appointment as Clerks in lieu of their present post;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they were eligible to be appointed as Clerks when appointed as Khalasis;

(d) if so, whether the concerned authorities have taken any decision to appoint them as Clerks; and

(e) if so, by when they would be appointed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Only one such request has been received in this regard, from one Shri Gajpal Singh, Khalasi.

(b) to (e) Shri Gajpal Singh was not eligible for the post of LDC at the time of consideration of his case for compassionate appointment, but later on acquired the requisite qualification for the post of LDC. His request for appointment as LDC could not be considered in view of the extant instructions on the subject according to which when a person has accepted compassionate appointment to a particular post, the set of circumstances which led to his initial appointment should be deemed to have ceased to exist. The person who has accepted compassionate appointment once on a particular post should strive in his career like his collegue for future advancement and claims for appointment to higher post on consideration of compassions should not be considered.

Incidence of Thefts in Oil Wells in Gujarat

2194. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 1300 ONGC wells have been dug up in an area of 6400 kms. in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Mehesana and Kheda districts of Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of these, about 950 oil wells are in operation producing oil and other products;

(c) whether incidents of large scale theft of oil and gas due to inadequate security arrangements, there have come to Government's notice;

(d) if so, the number of such incidents and the loss occurred thereby; and

(e) the concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) As on 1.11.1996, ONGC have drilled 1994 oil wells and 111 gas wells in the districts of Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Mehesana and Kheda in Gujarat, out of which 1666 wells are producing oil/gas.

(c) and (d) 29 incidents of pilferage of oil and gas have been identified by ONGC in Gujarat since April, 1994. The net loss estimated by ONGC on account of these incidents is about Rs.7.90 lakhs.

(e) Steps taken to prevent pilferage include joint inspections by security and production personnel, fencing of oil wells with barbed wires, laying of flow lines underground, deploying of armed guards and personnel, air surveillance of oil fields/pipelines by helicopters, etc.